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SUBJECT: MINISTER OF DEFENSE CONCURS IN ESTABLISHMENT US MILITARY
LIAISON OFFICE, ECUADOR

REF: JCS MESSAGE DTG 012019Z JUL 74 (NOTAL)

1. I MET AT MY REQUEST ON JULY 5 WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE
MARCO ALMEIDA JATIVA TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT IN THE
EMBASSY OF THE US MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE. I TOLD GENERAL
ALMEIDA THAT WITH THE CHANGE IN OUR MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS
WHICH WAS INITIATED EARLY THIS YEAR WE HAD BEGUN TO RENEW
THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN OUR RESPECTIVE ARMED FORCES; THAT
THIS HAD IMPOSED AN INCREASED WORKLOAD ON THE EMBASSY; AND
THAT AS A RESULT I HAD TEMPORARILY INCREASED THE SIZE OF
THE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE BY DETAILS. IT WAS NOW
APPROPRIATE TO REGULARIZE THIS SITUATION, SINCE THE WORK
INVOLVED IN PROCESSING TRAINING REQUESTS, REQUESTS FOR
PURCHASES, ETC., WAS CONSIDERABLE AND STILL GORWING. TO
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THIS END, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE DEFENSE

DEPARTMENT WERE IN AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A SMALL UNIT IN THE EMBASSY TO BE CALLED THE US MILITARY LIAISON OFFICE (USMLO). THE USMLO WOULD BE HEADED BY AN ARMY OFFICER, BE SMALL IN SIZE, AND BE RESPONSIVE TO ME. THERE WOULD BE NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ARRANGEMENT ALREADY INFORMALLY REACHED WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, WE WOULD ACCREDIT OFFICERS ATTACHED TO THE USMLO AS ATTACHES. I THEN HANDED MINDEF ALMEIDA A "MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION" OUT-LINING WHAT I HAD DISCUSSED. HE READ THE MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION, SAID THAT HE COULD UNDERSTAND THE NECESSITY FOR THE OFFICE, AND GAVE HIS SPECIFIC APPROVAL TO ITS ESTABLISHMENT.

2. COMMENT: THE ASSENT OF THE MINDEF TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE USMLO HAVING BEEN OBTAINED, THE USMLO CAN BE ESTABLISHED. THE MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION REFERRED TO HEREIN, AND THE MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS ARE BEING TRANSMITTED BY AIRGRAM AND CAN SERVE AS OUR RECORD OF CONSULTATION WITH THE GOE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE USMLO AND THEIR ASSENT TO IT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: ADVISE ME THE PROPOSED DATE OF ESTABLISHING USMLO, ECUADOR.
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